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## CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2016

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast at 2.39 million tons, according to the August 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 14 percent from the 2.09 million tons produced in 2015. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 570,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, up 60,000 acres from 2015. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.20 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 4.10 tons per acre.

Utah **peach** production for 2016 is forecast at 6,000 tons, up 54 percent from last year's production of 3,900 tons.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2016 is forecast at 61.5 million tons, up 4 percent from 2015. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.40 tons per acre, up 0.08 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.1 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but up 2 percent from 2015.

United States **peach** production is forecast at 806,600 tons, down 5 percent from 2015.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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